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## Wing Conference Highlights

*Maj. Dennis Parham, Commander*

The 2001 California Wing Conference at the Regency Hotel in Santa Maria was a great experience as it has been every year. A large group of Civil Air Patrol members from all over California and some from other states as well attended and joined together. Seminars were conducted in various subjects and provided skills to attendees to solve the various problems we face day to day. Perhaps just as important as the training was the networking between members that took place. The hallway and lounge area conversations generated a feeling that one is not alone in the daily challenges and successes of CAP. If you did not go this year, plan to attend next year in Southern California. It's a decision you will not regret. Following is some very important information shared at the conference.

**Mission Pilots** – Mission Pilot Flight Training is scheduled for the former Castle Air Force Base in Atwater, CA, on October 19 through 21<sup>st</sup> 2001. This is a funded training mission for the first 12 pilot applicants plus scanner applicants. Four sorties for each attendee are planned and each pilot is responsible for bringing an aircraft. If you need an application, contact Captain Mike Watkins at [mwatkins@earthlink.net](mailto:mwatkins@earthlink.net).

**Uniform Regulation** – The CAWG Supplement to CAP Manual 39-1 will be in the field soon. In the supplement are some very specific rules regarding uniform wear which include body piercing, beret wear, BDU Uniforms,

and Safety. Look for it soon in your mail or on the CAWG web site.

**Passengers** – The rule stating that CAP aircraft shall be flown with a margin of safety requiring 60 horsepower per



person is one that we all must heed. That means, if you are flying in a C-182 (except N265HP) there must be no more than three persons on board, no exceptions. Cessna 172s can carry no more than two unless you are lucky enough to have a 180hp aircraft or, better yet, a 210hp T-41C. The issue of Cadet Orientation Rides has been presented relative to this rule and the answer, for now, is that the 60 horsepower per person rule must be followed. It is being presented at National HQ level for resolution and you will be notified if a change is made.

**CAP Driver Permits** – As of 31 December 2001, all CAP Driver Permits are no longer valid per HQ CAWG/LGT. All personnel need to resubmit a Form 75 and current DMV printout or no longer drive corporate vehicles after 31 Dec.

**Quarterly Reports** – Quarterly Reports will be due at end of September. Please be on time in preparing and turning in your reports.

**Inspections Vacancy Filled** – Major Harry Van Rintel, long time CAP

member of Group 5 has been selected to fill the vacant spot in Inspections. Please give Major Van Rintel your full cooperation as he sets about scheduling the annual inspections. He can be reached at 530-589-5701.

**Dues to Increase** – California's attempt to obtain additional funding from the Legislature has been defeated this year because of the depletion of the state surplus due to the increasing costs of California's energy crisis. As a result, dues are increasing as of 1 October. Seniors will increase by \$8.00 and cadets by \$2.00. This was not an arbitrary decision. California Wing needs the money to continue supporting our programs and cannot function without it. The bid for full funding from the state will be revisited next year and, if approved, the Wing Commander has promised to eliminate all Wing-level dues. Further guidance will be forthcoming.

**New Glider Program Leader** – Col. Ernie Pearson is heading up a new directorate called the Director of Gliders. He will be developing a program and plan of action to ensure that all gliders in CAWG are properly used and that everything gets a chance to fly in them.

**OES Form 99 Update** – Everyone in Group 5 needs to complete an OES Form 99, whether you have completed one before or not, and send it to Group Headquarters for compilation for California Wing. Each unit needs to coordinate this action, collect all the forms and send them to Group HQ in large batches. This form is extremely important for anyone involved in a CAP ES activity to ensure that benefits are paid from the state if something happens. Please handle this right away.

**Wing Manual Reference** – CAWG Manual 11-1 is no more. That is to say that the new version will not be a numbered manual. It will simply be referred to as the California Wing Administrative Procedures Manual. It is supposed to be ready soon and distributed to all units statewide.

**Must Retake ES Part 116** – All ES personnel need to take the Part 116 test online as soon as possible. This will update everyone in the Wing Management Utility (WMU) for future actions. Everyone in Group 5 must use the WMU. If you have been putting it off, procrastinate no longer as it is not going away.

**Legal Officer Contact** – For legal issues contact the Wing Legal Officer, JJ Gianquinto, PO Box 2241, Bakersfield, CA 93303, or phone at (661) 337-1790.

**Logistics Changes** – Something new in Logistics is that we will be adopting the Air Force form of determining what each unit needs to perform its tasks. It's called a Table of Allowances and it contains a predetermined number and type of "things" each unit can use. As these things become available, a unit will be issued one. This will eliminate the need for want lists, negative or otherwise.

If you have any questions, or need more detail on the above material, please contact Maj. Dennis Parham, Commander, Group 5.

## Group 5 Has Immediate Staff Openings

*Maj. Dennis Parham, Commander*

Staff position openings exist in Group 5 for Personnel/Testing Officer, Aerospace Education Officer, and Training Officer. We need folks to come forward and take on these positions. Following is a brief description of each position.

**Personnel Officer** - Ideally we would like to have someone with prior personnel experience but training in the position is a possibility. A part of this

responsibility includes processing promotion documents and unit changes, assignments, reassignments, and awards and decorations.

**Aerospace Education Officer** - As you know, Aerospace Education is one of the key functions of Civil Air Patrol's mission triad in addition to Emergency Services and Cadet Programs. The person in this role will have the responsibility of submitting reports on a quarterly basis regarding Squadron level Aerospace Education activities and planning and coordination of Group level activities for the benefit of all squadrons.

**Senior Training Officer** - This position is important to coordinate training activities and documentation of those activities for the senior members in Group 5. A much-needed and important activity for this officer includes the planning and execution of Level 1 and Cadet Protection courses. This position has been empty for a long time and the Group overall suffers from a lack of this particular training activity. It's very difficult to bring new members in and keep them when they have to wait so

## CAP 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

*SM. Steve Taylor, Public Affairs Officer*

December 1, 2001, will be the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol. Group 5 would like to solicit your ideas about how best to celebrate this momentous event. Please send your ideas and suggestions to SM Steve Taylor, Group 5/PA, 5999 Freepoint Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95822, or email at [SJTEntrprs@aol.com](mailto:SJTEntrprs@aol.com)

long for this primary training course.

A copy of the appropriate CAP Pamphlet describing the training requirements and job description for any of these positions is available on request. If you or someone you know would like to take on the responsibilities of these very important positions, please contact me at (Home) 916-721-8961, (Work) 916-227-3879, or (Pager) 916-551-7080. Please assist us by becoming a key unpaid professional at Group 5 Headquarters and contribute to improving our overall administrative process.

## Wing Commanders Call

*Maj. Dennis Parham, Commander*

The Group Commander will be attending a Wing Commander's Call on the weekend of 2-4 November 2001. If you have items you would like brought to the attention of the Wing Commander, send them to Group HQ no later than 22 October 2001.

## Group Commanders Call

*Maj. Dennis Parham, Commander*

Group 5 Squadron Commanders Call will be on Saturday, 10 November 2001. This is a mandatory meeting for all Squadron Commanders in Group 5. Each commander must be in attendance or have someone represent them with prior arrangement with the Group Commander.

## *CAP Responds Immediately to East Coast Tragedy*

### California & other States

Within hours of the initial alert, the CA Wing had at least 57 aircraft ready for launch with aircrews standing by at airports throughout the State. Approximately 140 aircrew members and support staff participated the first day. Overall, the CAP provided assistance in the wake of the disaster in the following ways:

- Transportation of blood and medical supplies to Red Cross
- Monitoring of airports and providing pilot advisories
- Air transportation of government officials
- Support and manpower to various state Emergency Operations Centers
- Communications support
- Transport of robotic supplies to US Army for use at disaster site

### New York

The Civil Air Patrol performed flights over the disaster site at the request of New York Governor George E. Pataki. The flights over the World Trade Center site provided high-resolution digital images to the New York State Emergency Management Office. The photos were delivered directly to SEMO for evaluation. "Civil Air Patrol provided the first direct aerial perspective of the disaster site for the State of New York," says Dan O'Brien, Graphic Information Program Manager for the SEMO center in Albany, NY. "The photos were the first images we'd seen looking down on the site. The flight was authorized by FEMA Regional Command Center, based in Maynard, Mass., the FAA, and the U.S. Air Force and was under the control of local air traffic controllers.

***The members of Group 5 join with all other Civil Air Patrol members and Americans in prayer and condolences to the families and friends who lost loved ones in the tragic events of September 11, 2001. To them, we offer our deepest sympathy.***

## Coming Events

### **September 21-23**

Westside Energy Services  
Technology Education Center  
Taft, CA.

#### **BCS**

Hosted by Groups 2, 5, 6. Check Wing calendar for details. For more information email Malise Scholefield at RUBYR@LIGHTSPEED.NET

### **October 19-21**

Castle Airport, Merced, CA.

#### **Mission Pilot & Scanner Standards Ratings**

ECI course completion is a pre-requisite.

### **October 26-27**

Fort Ord, Monterey, CA.

#### **SAREX**

Hosted by Squadron 60. For more information call Larry Daniels or John Langley

### **November 2-4**

#### **Wing Commanders Call**

Forward items you would like brought to attention of Wing by October 22.

### **November 10**

Group 5 Headquarters

#### **Squadron Commanders Call**

Mandatory meeting for all Squadron Commanders.

### **December 1**

Location TBA

#### **CAP 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event**

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